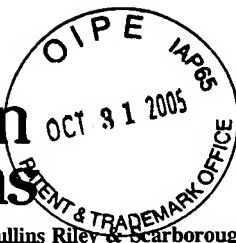


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Serial No.: 10/656,693
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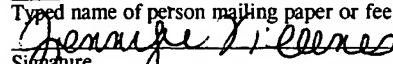

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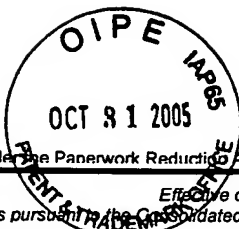
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	N/A
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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

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